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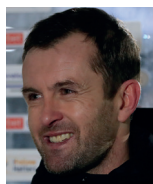
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NATHAN JONES

Welcome to Kenilworth Road as we return to league action for the first time in a fortnight.

It seems strange to say that, in this season when we seem to be playing every three or four days, but with the original game unfortunately having to be postponed, it's good to get this one rearranged so quickly.

We desperately wanted to play last Saturday week, but it was necessary in these difficult times to exercise caution having returned positive Covid tests and with others having to isolate as we waited the EFL's testing centre to reopen.

We were keen to build on the 2-1 win we'd just recorded over Bristol City in our final match of 2020, and hopefully add to the 30 points we've earned before reaching the halfway point of the season.

As we go about that task today, we know that QPR will provide as tough a test as any. They are a perennial Championship side who have seen plenty of recent Premier League involvement in the last decade.

They also have a manager in Mark Warburton who has years of experience in this division with Brentford and Nottingham Forest, as well Rangers north

of the border. I welcome Mark, his staff and their players, along with any officials who have made the short trip out of west London to be here tonight.

After Saturday's visit to Bournemouth we'll make two trips to that side of the capital ourselves next week, first for one of our most tricky away games of the season at Brentford.

Then it's the FA Cup fourth round tie away at Chelsea, which is a great draw against a wonderful Premier League side. We love testing ourselves and we know this will be a massive test for our players.

Having played and beaten Reading for the second time in a cup competition this season, we are delighted we avoided someone else from our league. It gives us something different to experience, and to go to such a prestigious Premier League club will be a special occasion, the only shame is that we won't be able to have our wonderful fans there with us.

I am genuinely gutted that we've earned ties against two of the world's biggest clubs this season, and that you haven't been able to attend. I know we'd have taken thousands – whatever allocation they'd have given us – and it would have been an occasion to match the day we went to Newcastle and gave them their record attendance for away fans!

That is still one of my proudest moments, looking up at 8,000 Luton Town supporters in the Gods at St James' Park, and I know we'll have more days like that ahead of us.

Please keep positive, stick with us from home – and to the rules – and we will all be back together safely, as soon as possible.

Enjoy tonight's game and COYH!



THE BOARDROOM



GARY SWEET

Welcome to all readers of these notes, wherever you are, as we host Queens Park Rangers this evening. The wintry night-time scene of floodlights at our maturing old girl we call home is usually a beautiful image to behold, solemnly tempered by its empty stands again on this occasion.

We welcome the players and staff from Shepherd's Bush for a Championship fixture promptly re-arranged just ten days after its original schedule. Games between us have often conjured up enthralling memories and tonight we will welcome one or two Rangers officials who have featured in past battles.

Despite our hospitality suites being a desolate place these days, it will be good to discuss (from a distance) all matters football with the Hooped representatives, who we have a very amicable relationship with. Somewhat different to Saturday when not a single representative made the 50-mile journey. Strange times.

Of course, we all have a duty to protect ourselves and each other, especially in professional football as a business considered to be essential by our policy-setters, and we have the eyes of the nation increasingly upon us eagerly awaiting to make media hay out of every minor misconduct.

Despite the disappointing antics of clubs like Celtic and a small number of foolish individual players, the collective business of football self-imposes a more-than-appropriate response to the peaks and further peaks of this pandemic crisis.

For the very survival of every club and football itself we simply must continue playing knowing that we are taking every possible mitigation to offer all players and staff a safe environment and not to increase any further spread by doing so.

Very few people know the lengths all clubs go to in our attempts to comply and increase safety to all. Little is known about the twice-weekly tests all players and red-zone staff undergo, or the GPS data we use in training to analyse distances and durations between any two players, or the nutrition and immunity-boosting supplements every player receives, or even that all indoor environments are closed to all players at this moment in time.

It could be strongly argued that players and staff are better off by playing, keeping fit, boosting immunity, taking regular tests and keeping them busy – little of which would be possible if the game halted.

Despite experiencing our first postponement to positive tests and isolations, I'm happy to report that all players are clear and other than the regular minor cold-like symptoms, none were ill from Covid. Our main issue has been individuals having to isolate because of positive tests within their bubble and not from player-to-player transmission.

We're obviously disappointed Rhys cannot play tonight, having been recalled by his parent club. This occupational hazard is one reason why we prefer not to take loans. The primary reason is that we object to developing other club's talent, increasing their value whilst paying them good money to do so. The day a Premier League club shares some future development profit upon allowing us to give their player an opportunity to have access to our personal attention, coaching methods and exposure to game-time, may be the day we may change our minds a little.

In general, we do this with players we loan to other clubs. For obvious reasons we had to recall Peter Kioso from Bolton, which was a regrettable decision made with the right due consideration - not simply to be placed with another club in the same league.

It was planned for Gabriel Osho to return this window for us to see his progress, too. And we are delighted to see Josh scoring goals for Yeovil in a loan which only sees them pay us under certain conditions - a classic win/win scenario which we hope will see him thrive.

Recalls are inevitable in the current climate and I can see this January transfer

window being utterly chaotic in that respect. So, we have to be ready to respond, which we are with lots 'irons in the fire', as one of our bigger characters used to say.

Losing a player or a member of staff, whoever it may be, is always an opportunity to improve but the January window, for us, won't just be reactive. We are also proactively looking to get better as natural churn is an inevitability.

The FA Cup draw handed us a bittersweet tie at Chelsea. On one hand it will be exciting to pit our wits against a top half Premier League side, whilst on the other hand we mourn the loss of a significant revenue opportunity at a crowd-less Stamford Bridge.

The real shame is that in this long-awaited season when we play Manchester United, Chelsea and Watford, supporters can't be allowed to experience it. We're praying that come April the situation will have improved.

We'll definitely be up for the challenge in SW3 in a couple of weeks' time and certainly won't be overawed by the experience. As a fan I remember the days Chelsea, QPR and Luton were all seen as equals in an era when our league positions were all very similar.

Having some fun last night with a few players who have worn both shirts told a story with our very own Sir Michael Harford leading the pack of names including Donaghy, Stein, Elliot and Dixon, as well as 10-goal Joe and too many more to name here.

As I was reminiscing about coldly standing in the North End being 3-0 up at half-time 30 years ago, the devastating news came to us of the Council members' decision to reject their own officers' recommendation to grant a lease to the Club for the derelict grass at Cutenhoe Road, next to The Brache.

As I write this morning, I remain dumbfounded at the short-sightedness of this decision and deeply concerned about the impact this will have on the Club. We are hoping there's a way we can change councillors' view on this, but we haven't yet been given an explanation for their reasons to reject.

There has been some indication that it is because the land has been assigned for future educational use. If this is true,



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it doesn't make sense either given that all local schools support our lease and our lease proposal contained clauses to allow the Council to take the land back at any time should they want to build a school. In any case, if a school was ever built on a location with space for three, why wouldn't it want to partner with a Championship football club to deliver PE and Sport? Indeed, who knows, maybe we may have even been tempted to build our own school in future? Indeed, our Academy **is** our school.

It feels unfathomably peculiar that our planning application for the dome itself was given consent with councillor approval, but the lease has been rejected despite officers supporting it, so we're hopeful that there is a way forward in some form.

As you will know, a very small proportion of this land was earmarked for an air-dome to elevate our academy status from EPPP Category 3 to Category 2, so if there is no resolution, this will not now happen. The knock-on impact of this means we'll have some serious rethinking to do if we want our academy to provide a supply of talent to our first team squad and elsewhere.

Academy football is changing such that fewer youth development clubs will exist in future (as is beginning to happen now) and facilities cannot be compromised any more. Either we're in or we're out.

Along with the wonderful support our fan base community has given us over the last year, without the transfer income of our former youth talent, today, I couldn't honestly tell you if Luton Town would

be in existence under current restrictions. The viability and sustainability of a football club is very much more difficult to achieve without a strong academy.

This morning, I have been contacted by many dozens of supporters expressing their anguish at this decision, asking what can be done. My advice has been to ensure that you politely and appropriately make your feelings known to those who represent you.

We shall, of course, communicate the official reasons once we know them.

Meanwhile, onwards and upwards in the League and Cup and here's hoping, wishing and praying that 2021 brings more positivity to every single one you! We are here to help in any way we can.

COYH!

PS - A very big Happy 80th Birthday to you Joan!



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Words: Dan Briard

GEORGE MONCUR

The magic of the FA Cup still very much exists for George Moncur, who was delighted to score the goal that took the Hatters past Reading in the FA Cup third round tie at Kenilworth Road.

The midfielder netted his third goal of the season in his tenth start - and on his 50th appearance for the club - to help the Town progress into the next round, and later spoke of his delight to still be involved in the competition.

"It's great. Everyone wants a good run in the FA Cup - I'd say it's the biggest one - so to get that win and get through to the next round is great, and I can't wait to see who we play next."

Asked if the Cup is still special to players, he replied: "I think so, as a kid you always used to watch it, and you see Chorley beating Derby today, so they're still in it and that's massive for them. So as long as you're in the hat for the next round, you could get whoever really."

On his goal, a finish very similar in style to the opener he scored against Huddersfield Town earlier on this season, Moncur said: "I didn't see the ball actually until quite late, and I remember telling Sam, 'George's ball', and he left it. I rely on my technique in those situa-

tions and thankfully it went in, praise God. I do think I've been blessed with a good technique, so I know I can do something if I get in those areas around the box to shoot or maybe assist someone else.

"But in that situation today there was only one thing I could do, and that's put it in the corner, and I'm really happy with that."

The 27-year-old continues to praise manager Nathan Jones for his improvement on the pitch this season, crediting the gaffer for being the first to really 'knuckle down' with him.

"He's been on me every day to be fair but like I say all the time, he's the first the manager that has knuckled down and gives me information where I know I have to do it. Where I used to switch off, he's the one I know what I have to do.

"I'm not really in a situation in games where I don't know what I'm doing anymore off the ball, and he's helped me a lot."





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GABRIEL OSHO

Words: Dan Briard

Hatters defender Gabriel Osho is determined to become a mainstay for Nathan Jones' side during the rest of the season after keeping a clean sheet and impressing on his debut in the victory against Reading.

The 22-year-old, who left the Royals in the summer, was thrown into the action at the earliest opportunity following his brief loan spell with National League side Yeovil Town – and helped Town progress into the fourth round of the FA Cup.

"We started well in the first half, got the lead," Osho reflected. "Then we knew they were going to come out and play with a bit of pressure in the second half and they hit the bar a couple of times, a couple of last-ditch challenges, but all that matters is that we got the win and we're in the hat for the next round."

George Moncur scored the only goal of the game with a superb volley from inside the area and Osho was pleased his debut will be remembered in a positive manner, with a win and clean sheet under his belt.

"It was a great finish from Moncs, great

ball in from Bree. We probably left the way we were playing during the first half in the second but, as I said, it is just important that we got the win today."

After signing for the club in November, the defender's first task was to get himself back up to match sharpness, hence the move to the Glovers temporarily.

"I didn't have a pre-season so when I came in, me and the gaffer decided it would probably be best for me to get some men's games, get my fitness back up and come back now and try and help the team.

"I'm just here now trying to battle for my place. Just taking it day by day really, hopefully I can push into the team and that is my main focus."

The Reading-born defender stressed post-match that the move away from his boyhood club was by no means an easy decision but views Kenilworth Road as the perfect place to develop his career.

"It was tough obviously because I had been there for a long time. There comes a time where you have to try and further your career and I think this was the right move to do so.

"I spoke to Nathan, he got me in and explained what he expected from me, what he wants from his players and as soon as he did that, it was a perfect match really.

"I thought this was the exact club I needed to be at for the next stage of my career, so hopefully I can develop and help the club as I do so."

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CAPACITY: 18,439

LEAGUE POSITION 19-20: 13th in the Championship

MANAGER: Mark Warburton

MILES FROM LUTON: 34 miles

LAST MEETING: Kenilworth Road, 14/07/20, 1-1, Championship

RECORD APPEARANCE HOLDER: Tony Ingham, 555 from 1950-63

RECORD SIGNING: Chris Samba, £12.5m - Anzi Makhachkala, 2013



THE MANAGER

MARK WARBURTON

As a player, Mark Warburton had spells at Enfield and Boreham Wood, before working as a trader and coaching part-time.

His first coaching role was at Watford, where he stayed up until February 2010. His next move was to Brentford, first in a coaching role. He then took over as manager in December 2013. He guided the Bees to promotion to the Championship, and departed the club in May 2015.

A month later, he became Rangers manager. After just over 18 months at Ibrox, he left the club and the 58-year-old's next role within management was with Nottingham Forest, where he spent less than a year in charge.

In May 2019, he returned to management, and West London, as the new boss of QPR.

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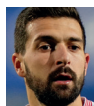
**SENY
DIENG**

Swiss goalkeeper Seny Dieng was born in Zurich, and started his footballing career in his home city with Red Star Zurich.

He then moved to Grasshoppers, playing for the second team and spending time on loan at FC Grenchen. After leaving Grasshoppers, he had a spell with German club MSV Duisburg, but couldn't break into the first team.

The 26-year-old joined QPR in 2016, but has had to prove himself out on loan. Dieng has had spells with Whitehawk, Hampton & Richmond, Stevenage, Dundee, and Doncaster, all before returning to Loftus Road as first-choice keeper.

DEFENDER



**YOANN
BARBET**

In his youth, Yoann Barbet AS Mouliets, Olympique Saint-Pey and FC Vallee de Gamage, before joining the academy at Bordeaux.

The 27-year-old played for the club's B team, before eventually departing for Ligue 2 side Chamois Niortais. He spent a season with the club, before making the move to England as he signed for Brentford in 2015.

Barbet made over 100 Championship appearances for the Bees, as he became a regular in the side. After four years at the club, he moved across London and signed for QPR on a three-year-deal.

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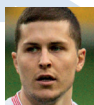
GEOFF CAMERON

Starting his career at college teams in the United States, midfielder Geoff Cameron's first club was West Virginia Mountaineers, before he moved to Rhode Island Rams. He also spent time with the Rhode Island Stingrays.

In 2008, he was drafted by MLS side Houston Dynamo. Cameron spent four years with the Texas-based side, appearing in over 100 MLS games, before making the move to the Premier League as he signed for Stoke.

The 35-year-old had a seven-year spell at the Britannia Stadium, going on to make over 150 league appearances for the Potters. He spent the 2018/19 season on loan at QPR, before joining the Rs permanently the following summer.

STRIKER



LYNDON DYKES

Australian-born, but a Scottish international, striker Lyndon Dykes joined QPR in August this year, after an impressive stint with Livingston.

Dykes had a number of different clubs in Australia, playing for the likes of Gold Coast City and Surfers Paradise Apollo SC, before moving to Queen of the South in Scotland. The 25-year-old impressed in the Scottish Championship, eventually moving to Livingston.

The striker made an impact in his debut season in the Scottish Premiership, which earned him a move to the Championship, as well as becoming a senior Scottish international.



KEEP AN EYE ON...

ILIAS CHAIR

Born in Belgium, Ilias Chair spent time at the youth academy at Club Brugge, before eventually coming through the youth system with Lierse SK.

The 23-year-old made two league appearances for Lierse, before he attracted interest from other clubs. He joined QPR on trial, and impressed enough to earn a contract in January 2017. Chair made his debut against Northampton in the EFL Cup.

Eligible for Morocco, Chair has featured for their Under-23s side. He spent time on loan at Stevenage in 2018/19, but has been a regular since his return to Loftus Road.

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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

The Town were dead and buried as Christmas 1984 approached but a loosening of the purse strings enabled manager David Pleat to bring in four players who immediately galvanised a side that gradually started to pick up points.

The most expensive of the quartet was big centre-forward Mick Harford and his goals certainly justified the price tag. The clash with QPR at the end of March 1985 showed Harford at his most lethal with two powerful headed goals to sink a side who were also at the wrong end of the division.

Pictured is Mick Harford (falling) heading in the second goal from a David Preece corner.



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By club historian Roger Wash

The long awaited Hatters' Heritage website has now launched with more items being uploaded monthly – have a look on www.hattersheritage.co.uk

In turn, we aim to run a series throughout the season showcasing artefacts and memorabilia in our collection reflecting the club's rich history.

Featured today is the programme for the first game on 'plastic' in 1981. Pioneers QPR attracted all the great and good from Fleet Street that evening to see the Town go in 1-0 down at the interval but fight back to win 2-1.

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Hatters Press & Media assistant DAN BRIARD on the magic of the FA Cup...

The magic of the FA Cup never felt quite so surreal, until we were wiping the ice-smothered seats with dry towels in eager anticipation of the third round tie against Reading prior to kick-off.

Eager is also possibly a stretch, given it was yet another meeting with the Royals but nevertheless the magic of the cup still most definitely exists, for some.

On a freezing cold afternoon at Kenilworth Road, the Hatters did just enough to edge past their fellow Championship opponents to reach the fourth round for the first time in eight years.

I fear I am part of the generation who have learned to put the FA Cup to one side, watching bigger teams give their star players a rest to accommodate the ones desperate for game time.

But as George Moncur referred to post-match, it's results such as National League North side Chorley FC beating Derby County that keep this great competition alive, despite their inability to play their strongest side on the day.

Whilst no game is the same without fans, you simply cannot beat the feeling of being amongst thousands sat in a stadium, pondering whether it might just be your team's year to have a cup run.

That's why as brilliant as it will be to face Premier League giants and eight-time winners Chelsea in just under two weeks' time, it no doubt would have been a fantastic away day for the adoring Hatters fans, who always travel in their thousands and most certainly would have to Stamford Bridge, too.

To think that not only had fans missed out on the opportunity to watch their beloved team play against Manchester United earlier in the season is painful enough, let alone another team famed for their success on the pitch.

Manager Nathan Jones was vocal about the lack of romance that existed in the cup tie against Reading, but he certainly cannot complain about the future trip to face Chelsea, especially after referring to the fact he would have rather travelled to "Timbuktu for something different".

Well, a trip to Stamford Bridge hasn't happened all too often for Luton Town, with the last meeting between the two sides dating back to 1994 - the FA Cup semi-final.

And whilst a lot may have changed since then, to me, and possibly to you reading, the magic of the FA Cup is very much still intact and will feel especially so if maybe, just maybe, the Hatters could perform another big cup upset.



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Tony Gregory. (16/5/1937 – 10/1/2021)

News has reached Kenilworth Road of the sad passing of Tony Gregory, who was a member of the Luton Town team which reached the FA Cup final in 1959.

Luton born, Tony attended Luton Grammar School and was an England schoolboy international as well as being part of the Bedfordshire Youth side that won the national championship. Starting his playing career at Vauxhall Motors, he was snapped up by the Hatters in 1955 before making his League debut at Sunderland less than twelve months later.

He made a sensational start to his time at Kenilworth Road, scoring the winning goal at Wolves and the equaliser at home to Chelsea, but he was in and out of the side over the next two seasons as he learnt his trade.

Brought back into the team on the left wing for an FA Cup tie against Leeds in 1959, the same eleven remained unchanged throughout the cup run which ended in defeat to Nottingham Forest in the final at Wembley (the team is pictured below about to get on the bus for Wembley).. Tony did not have time to dwell on the loss, as the day after the final he had to report to Felixstowe to sail to Germany as part of his National Service!

After 74 first team appearances and 24 goals for Town, Tony was surprisingly transferred to Watford for £6000 in 1960. He enjoyed four years at Vicarage Road before spells at Bexley, Hamilton Steelers (Canada), Bedford, Hastings, Dover and



Barnet and then managing both Stevenage and Wolverton.

After finishing with the game his marketing career took off with his subsequent appointment as Marketing Director of the Canning Group, which meant a house move to Cheshire. He then moved on to become Group Marketing Director for the Hunting Group before setting up as a business consultant.

Tony retained a strong interest in the Hatters and was taken to Nottingham Forest by Town director Mike Herrick, who lives close by him, last season as a guest of the Forest board.

Our condolences go out to his wife Jean and all his family and friends.

Words: Roger Wash





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The Town fought their way through to the FA Cup fifth round in 1947/48 having seen off Plymouth and Coventry, with the reward a trip to Loftus Road to take on a QPR side from the Division below.

Sadly, in front of a crowd of 30564 the Hatters went down 3-1 in an, admittedly, end to end game. Pictured are Luton supporters in the crowd before the start making their voices heard. It would have been a logistical nightmare if the club had a longer name!

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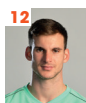
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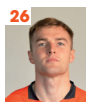
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





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ACADEMY UPDATE

A insight into the academy and our bright young prospects with ANDY AWFORD

U21s

Following a few days off over the Christmas period, the U21s restart their fixtures tomorrow with a home game versus Fulham's Development Squad. With Fulham being an established Category 1 Academy, it'll be another tough fixture that will once again test our young players. We did have a game scheduled for last week, away at Colchester United, but unfortunately this had to be cancelled.

U18s

The Youth Team returned to the top of the league on Saturday following a fine 5-0 victory away at Milton Keynes. Ben Stevens (2), Aidan Francis, Ed McJannet & Ben Tompkins scored our goals in a fully deserved victory.

With four league games left to play in the

'regular' league season (listed below) the boys have got themselves into a fantastic position with an opportunity to now go on and win the league. This type of challenge brings a different pressure and will again give them a great experience as they all look to progress their careers further.

January 16 - Cambridge United (H)

January 30 - Stevenage (A)

February 6 - Peterborough United (H)

February 13 - Northampton Town (A)

U9-15s

Unfortunately, we received instruction from The EFL on Friday that we must 'pause' our U9-U15s Academy programme until February 1st at the earliest. The U16s have still been permitted to train, however, all scheduled fixtures for that group have been cancelled and will be reviewed on February 1st. This is understandable at this most difficult of times and obviously the safety of staff, players and parents must come first.

Stay safe, look after your families and each other.

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iFollow Hatters commentator SIMON PITTS on having to watch from his sofa...

It had been just over 11 years since I last watched Luton play a competitive game live on TV, that was until Saturday, when due to a requirement to self-isolate, I was unable to provide the usual commentary for iFollow.

Watching on TV is of course an experience that has been forced on fans since March, and I have always sympathised and empathised with you all at not being able to attend.

It really hit home during my isolation the range of feelings and emotions that you experience when, not through your own choice, you're unable to attend a match, as you're all well aware it really isn't the same watching on TV.

It was at the beginning of the 2009/10 season that I started with Diverse FM and was commentating on every game home and away, and it was during that season that due to work commitments I was unable to travel to Rochdale for the First Round Replay. Thankfully it was picked for TV coverage, so I was able to watch and celebrate the Hatters beating League opposition courtesy of a brace of goals from Kevin Gallen.

Back to Saturday and there were key performances from two players making their 50th appearances for the Club that meant Luton went through to Round 4 of the FA Cup for the first time since we faced then-Premier League Norwich City, as a Non-League side, in 2013.

George Moncur scored the decisive goal after 30 minutes, his 10th since joining from Barnsley, and then some superb saves from Simon Sluga kept the clean sheet intact.

Luton caused a huge cup upset in 2013 and although it's a different set of players, now featuring in the Championship, they'll all be looking forward to the opportunity to cause another shock eight years on, as once again it's Premier League opponents – this time a trip to Chelsea.

It was only a matter of hours after the final whistle that my self-isolation came to an end, which only added to my frustration of missing out, but to potentially stop this virus spreading it was important to adhere to all the rules put in place to ensure the health and safety of those around me – even though I felt absolutely fine at the time.

Tonight's fixture against Queens Park Rangers has of course been delayed by 10 days following the recent postponement due to COVID positive results within the Club, which was un-related to my own self isolation.

I certainly hope and wish that all those players, staff and their families who were, and still are, affected make a full and quick recovery from the virus.

Stay safe and enjoy the match on iFollow.

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LUTON TOWN COMMUNITY TRUST

COMMUNITY TRUST ACTIVITIES SWITCH TO ONLINE DELIVERY

It's a case of 'back to the future' for the Trust as soon as the new lockdown rules were announced, as we raced to take as much of our activities online to ensure community engagement continued with as little disruption as possible – apart from actual football, which sadly may not return for at least a couple of months.

Below are just a few of the projects now going online from this week.

'GET UP, GET FIT' CHALLENGE

First up is the return of our exercise routines for boys and girls in the 14+ age group which we will be broadcasting every day at 10am across our social media platforms.

Each daily exercise will focus on different parts of the body and the whole programme will promote the benefits of daily exercise – particularly in terms of improving mood (mental health) as

well as overall fitness (physical health). The emphasis will be on developing a regular routine for young people, so they are ready to join in regular activities once they resume in school, college or work.

Getting back into a routine, once again, will be a big challenge for everyone and we aim to start now so that whenever restrictions begin to lift, students understand the importance of having a routine by literally encouraging everyone get up every morning and get fit.

This programme was originally funded through the office of Bedfordshire Police's Crime Commissioner's Office and our daily broadcasts will go out 10 am every weekday at www.facebook.com/LTFC.COMMUNITYTRUST

FIT HATTERS WEEKLY SESSIONS

Fit Hatters is a programme for men and women aged 35-65 who are looking to lose weight, get fitter and lead a more active life and again we've put the programme on-line for those looking to start new year resolutions or for those who just want to stay as fit and active as possible. Two programmes have gone online with twice weekly exercise routines from the EFL Trust for participants who are looking to start a fitness routine,



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and these sessions will build up over the next two to three months as fitness levels and flexibility levels improve.

These sessions will be supplemented with a 5-week challenge devised by James Hatch our 'Fit Hatter' Fitness Instructor, which steps up the exercise routine for those who are already fairly active.

The twice weekly EFL exercise sessions can be accessed on line at www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk/fit-hatters-efl-national-online-programme-for-new-starters every Tuesday and Friday at 2pm, while our 5 week challenge can be accessed at www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk/fit-hatters-5-week-challenge.

Let's hope we can bring all of our Fit Hatters back together in person by Easter and look forward to meeting up at the stadium for our regular structured programme comprising 45 minutes in the Eric Morecambe Suite and 45 minutes of activity pitch-side.

HATTERS ONLINE TEAM-MATES

#LetsTalkLoneliness

Our DCMS funded project targeted at residents who may be feeling lonely as a result of having to self-isolate or stay at home has also meant we've increased our online offer with more Hatter Chatter, our weekly Zoom discussion group

where we discuss all things Luton Town. This is hosted by Paul Stephens, from the Luton Town FC Supporters Trust, and Roger Wash, our Club Historian. We are regularly joined by special guests, most recently Sonny Bradley joined us for an extremely thought-provoking Q&A.

In addition, we're adding a Fun Football Quiz every Thursday, also through Zoom, where you can pit your wits against your fellow Hatters for the chance to win club shop vouchers. Every Wednesday our Inter-Care Home Quiz League will bring together care homes and sheltered housing settings from across Luton for a weekly quiz league enabling residents be able to see and interact with each other, and prizes will range from food hampers to virtual exercise classes from our staff.

While we have had to suspend most of our face to face activities, we are still able to offer our Library Books Delivery and Collection Service safely, offering a vital and much valued service to those shielding and those who aren't able to get to the Central Library in person, and we're also starting our Jigsaw Puzzle Swap for those isolating who enjoy puzzles or perhaps have a puzzle they no longer need, so we can rehome it with someone in the community that can make good use of it. Once that person finishes the puzzle we collect and replace it and pass it on to someone else.

For details of how to take part in these activities, please contact adam.woulds@lutontown.co.uk in the community office.



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PITCHSIDE PRESS VIEW

Our intern videographer DEC O'REILLY on his first three months with the Town...

I have not been around Luton Town for very long, but from my first three months at the club have been packed full of entertainment at Kenilworth Road.

I have witnessed and filmed more Luton games with fans than home losses, recorded eleven goals at pitchside and added to the club's digital social media output.

The experience around the club so far has been extremely professional, I cannot thank Stuart and Dan enough for helping me settle into the team so quickly.

I am a third year university student at UCFB in Wembley Stadium studying Media, which has ranged from writing and filming to social media and PR.

The university course has helped me while gathering experience here at Luton Town, my previous club Wealdstone FC in the National League, and the various other work experiences I have collected in my few years after finishing sixth form.

2021 is expected to be a year of hope, with the roll out of a COVID-19 vaccine underway in the UK and across the world,

there is hope that we can all return to some form of normality in life, which includes fans returning to Kenilworth Road.

It is also a year of hope for myself, for that sense of normality but also finishing my university course this spring and hopefully plunge myself into full-time work within the football industry in 2021.

Football is a passion I have had my whole life. I was not the most technically gifted footballer as a child and realised at a very young age that my passion was in writing about football. I was 13 years old when I was invited to the press box at my club, Arsenal, to shadow their media team for a Premier League fixture, and content creation has come a long way since.

Then the day after my 21st birthday, I was asked by Stuart to come to Luton Town and later accepted the videographer role at the club. I have not worked on an away fixture yet for the Hatters, but I hope have become a bit of a lucky charm!

Luton Town at home have been a joy to watch this season, the victory against Norwich City and Preston being the standouts, the fans adding extra motivation and passion to victory.

That first roar of celebration from 1,000 Hatters, when George Moncur curled a beautiful opener against Norwich in off the post, was a sense of realisation that I had joined a special club and to capture it on camera felt even better.

The fans changed my perception and even though Kenilworth Road remains empty again, I am truly grateful to still be working in a safe environment, and I hope I can finally work within a packed-out Kenilworth Road when normality returns to life.

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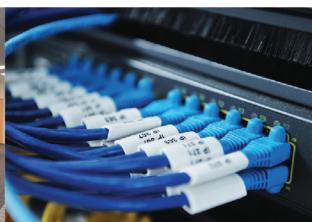
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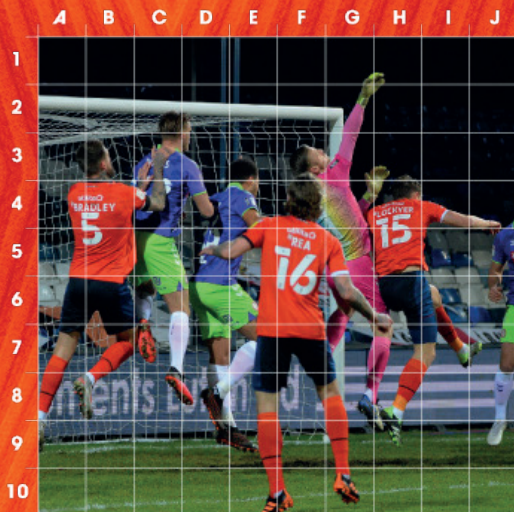
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**CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH
DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...**

Despite the disappointment of the Boxing Day clash at home to Millwall being postponed, the Town had retained second spot in the table in this, their first season back in Division Two since 1963.

The first home game for five weeks produced a best of the season, at that stage, crowd of 22,024 who saw an end to end game with chances squandered and full-blooded tackles flying in.

If the Hatters supporters were frustrated with the subsequent 0-0 stalemate, the point gained would see them top the table following Leicester's defeat at Middlesbrough.

Manager Alec Stock could go away satisfied to enjoy the gallon bottle of whisky presented to him before the start of the game as 'Manager of the Month'.

Pictured is Malcolm Macdonald firing in a shot against a packed Rangers rearguard



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BERRY ▲ 74'	BOYCE-CLARKE
LOCKYER	TETEK ▲ 72'
REA	SAMUELS
MPANZU	MELVIN-LAMBERT ▲ 78'
CLARK ▲ 58'	LAWLESS ▲ 77'
ISTED	CAMARA ▲ 78'
NORRINGTON-DAVIES ▲ 74'	TOWLER
LUALUA ▲ 81'	



Nathan Jones was pleased his side could progress into the fourth round of the Emirates FA Cup after a battling display against Reading.

The Hatters, who were much changed from the 2-1 victory against Bristol City prior to the New Year, produced a gritty performance and were victorious courtesy of George Moncur's first-half strike.

But the gaffer did insist that his team could have made it easier for themselves despite putting themselves in the hat.

"I think we made it hard for ourselves," Nathan admitted after the match. "First half I thought we were excellent, we had so many opportunities and situations where we should have extended the lead.

"We scored a good goal, and then what we said at half-time is 'win the first ten minutes', we like to come out of the traps and

win that first ten, and we didn't. We played into their hands, played with a slow tempo, gave the ball away five times in the first eight minutes which allowed them to play in our half and we never really grasped the momentum back.

"That was the thing, but I'm delighted we kept a clean-sheet, made pretty much ten changes. We kept Sluga in because he hasn't had football lately, so it was a good game all in all."

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SHOTS ON TARGET:	4	7
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	4	11
CORNERS:	4	4
FOULS:	9	9

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Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnsley	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	6	-	-	-	-	-	*			*			b	y	c	a	
Tue 15	6.00pm	A	Reading (Carabao Cup R2)	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	-	-	-	-	-	-		c			y		*			a	
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Derby County	W 2-1	BCD	BCD	2	-	-	-	-	-	*						b	1	*	c	*
Tue 22	8.15pm	A	Man Utd (Carabao Cup R3)	L 0-3	BCD	BCD	-	-	1	-	-	-	*					*	b		y	a	
Sat 26	12.30pm	A	Watford	L 0-1	BCD	BCD	7	-	-	-	-	-	*			c		y			b	a	
OCTOBER																							
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 2-0	BCD	BCD	5	-	-	-	-	-	*			*			y	b		c	b1
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Stoke City	L 0-2	BCD	BCD	6	-	-	-	-	-	*	b		*				c	y	a	
Tue 20	7.45pm	A	Millwall	L 0-2	BCD	BCD	10	-	-	1	-	-	*	y		*		c		a	b	b	
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Sheffield Wednesday	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	9	-	-	-	1	-	*	y		b				*			
Wed 28	7.45pm	H	Nottingham Forest	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	9	-	-	1	-	1	*	y		*					*	a	
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Brentford	L 0-3	BCD	BCD	13	-	-	-	-	-	*			*		a		b	y	*	
NOVEMBER																							
Wed 4	7.45pm	A	Rotherham United	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	9	-	-	-	-	-	*						b	y		*	
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Huddersfield Town	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	10	-	-	-	-	-	*	y		c	y		b	c	*	*	
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Blackburn Rovers	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	10	-	-	-	-	-	*	e		e			b	1d		a	
Tue 24	7.00pm	H	Birmingham City	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	9	-	1	-	-	-	*	*		*		1				a	
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Cardiff City	L 0-4	BCD	BCD	12	-	-	-	-	-	*	*		d			c	b		c	
DECEMBER																							
Wed 2	7.45pm	H	Norwich City	W 3-1	1,000	N/A	11	1	1	-	-	-	y	a	c	*		1	*				
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Swansea City	L 0-2	BCD	BCD	12	-	-	-	1	-	*			*		r	a	c		b	
Tue 8	7.45pm	A	Coventry City	D 0-0	BCD	BCD	13	-	-	-	-	-		y		*			b	ya		*	
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Preston North End	W 3-0	2,000	N/A	11	-	-	-	-	-	*			d			b	c			
Wed 16	7.00pm	A	Middlesbrough	L 0-1	BCD	BCD	13	1	-	-	-	1	*			a			c	b	d		
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	AFC Bournemouth	D 0-0	BCD	BCD	14	-	-	-	-	-	*			c	*		c	a		a	
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Reading	L 1-2	BCD	BCD	15	-	-	-	-	-		ya	e	*		*	e		c		
Tue 29	7.45pm	H	Bristol City	W 2-1	BCD	BCD	13	-	-	1	-	-		b	ya			c		*	*		
JANUARY																							
Sat 9	12.00pm	H	Reading (FAC R3)	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	-	-	-	-	-	-							*	b	y	b	
Tue 12	7.00pm	H	QPR																				
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	AFC Bournemouth																				
Wed 20	7.00pm	A	Brentford																				
Sat 23	TBC	A	Chelsea (FAC R4)																				
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Blackburn Rovers																				
FEBRUARY																							
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Huddersfield Town																				
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Birmingham City																				
Tue 16	7.00pm	H	Cardiff City																				
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stoke City																				
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Millwall																				
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Sheffield Wednesday																				
MARCH																							
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Nottingham Forest																				
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Norwich City																				
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Swansea City																				
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Coventry City																				
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Preston North End																				
APRIL																							
Fri 2	3.00pm	A	Derby County																				
Mon 5	3.00pm	H	Barnsley																				
Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers																				
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Watford																				
Wed 21	7.45pm	H	Reading																				
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Bristol City																				
MAY																							
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	QPR																				

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ISSUE 95 | LUTON TOWN V NOTTINGHAM FOREST
24.10.21 | 7:45PM

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KEY: : Out on loan | : Left club | **Team name colour:** Carabao Cup Match | **Team name colour:** FA Cup Match

UP NEXT



FORMED: 1899

NICKNAME: THE CHERRIES

LAST SEASON: 18TH IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE

TWITTER: @AFCBOURNEMOUTH

COLOURS: RED & BLACK SHIRTS, BLACK SHORTS

GROUND: THE VITALITY STADIUM

MANAGER: JASON TINDALL

WHO?

The Cherries spent five consecutive seasons competing in the Premier League before they were relegated last season, having earned just 34 points. Bournemouth's last piece of silverware came in their Championship promotion campaign in 2014/15, where they were crowned champions under former long-serving boss Eddie Howe.

GROUND?

Originally named Dean Court, Bournemouth have played their home games there since 1910. The ground underwent a major reconstruction in 2001, increasing the capacity of the stadium to 9,600, with this being further increased in the summer of 2013.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?


The two sides last met before Christmas at Kenilworth Road, as the Hatters earned a hard-fought point against their former Premier League opponents. Last season, Luton travelled to the Vitality Stadium for an FA Cup 3rd round tie down south, with the Cherries running out 4-0 winners in the Hatters' second game of 2020.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Hatter Jack Stacey won back-to-back promotions with the Town before moving to the Cherries in 2019, going on to make 19 appearances in the Premier League. Current Town forward Harry Cornick joined Luton from Bournemouth in 2017 and has amassed over 100 appearances for the Hatters over four seasons at the club, whilst former Hatters Manager Graeme Jones joined Bournemouth as an assistant-coach during the close season after leaving his post as Luton manager during the first coronavirus lockdown.

Words: Dylan Bhundia

LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

	2020-21 SEASON										CAREER		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL		APPS	G	
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G			APPS	G			
Luke Berry	16	(3)	2	1	(1)	0	17	(4)	2	3	0	109	14
Sonny Bradley	20	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	23	(0)	0	2	0	113	
James Bree	1	(6)	0	2	(0)	0	3	(6)	0	0	0	51	0
Jordan Clark	7	(8)	1	2	(2)	1	9	(10)	2	0	0	19	2
James Collins	17	(2)	6	1	(0)	3	18	(2)	9	2	0	159	68
Harry Cornick	14	(3)	0	1	(1)	0	15	(4)	0	1	0	145	22
Martin Cranie	15	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	16	(1)	0	5	0	42	2
Kieran Dowds-Bull	13	(2)	1	0	(0)	0	13	(2)	1	1	0	15	1
Brendan Galloway	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Danny Hylton	5	(5)	0	3	(0)	0	8	(5)	0	4	0	142	58
Peter Kisso	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	1	0	3	0
Elliot Lee	8	(4)	1	2	(2)	0	10	(6)	1	0	0	123	30
Tom Lockyer	11	(2)	0	2	(0)	0	13	(2)	0	0	0	15	0
Kazenga Lusula	1	(12)	1	2	(2)	0	3	(14)	1	3	0	76	7
George Moncur	7	(6)	2	3	(0)	1	10	(6)	3	0	0	50	10
Joe Morrell	3	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	4	(4)	0	0	0	8	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	18	(2)	2	1	(0)	0	19	(2)	2	4	0	273	19
Sam Ntombe	0	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(4)	0	0	0	5	0
Rhys Norrington-Davies	16	(2)	0	3	(1)	0	19	(3)	0	2	0	22	0
Gabriel Ocho	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Matty Pearson	19	(1)	2	1	(0)	0	20	(1)	2	1	1	116	10
Dan Potts	6	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	7	(2)	0	1	0	159	10
Glen Rea	19	(0)	2	1	(0)	0	20	(0)	2	6	0	172	7
James Shea	7	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	10	(0)	0	1	0	85	0
Andrew Shinnie	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	106	10
Simon Sluga	15	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	16	(0)	0	0	0	50	0
Ryan Tomlinville	4	(5)	0	3	(0)	0	7	(5)	0	1	0	52	

2020-21 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Norwich City	23	14	5	4	31	20	11	47
2	Swansea City	23	12	7	4	27	13	14	43
3	Bournemouth	22	11	8	3	37	18	19	38
4	Brentford	22	11	8	3	36	21	15	41
5	Reading	23	12	4	7	34	28	6	40
6	Watford	22	10	7	5	25	17	8	37
7	Middlesbrough	22	10	6	6	28	18	10	36
8	Stoke City	23	9	8	6	26	22	4	35
9	Barnsley	23	10	4	9	27	29	-2	34
10	Bristol City	22	10	3	9	23	24	-1	33
11	Blackburn Rovers	23	9	5	9	38	27	11	32
12	Preston North End	23	10	2	11	30	31	-1	32
13	Huddersfield Town	23	9	4	10	28	32	-4	31
14	Luton Town	22	8	6	8	20	24	-4	30
15	Cardiff City	22	8	5	9	29	25	4	29
16	Coventry City	23	6	8	9	22	31	-9	26
17	Millwall	21	5	10	6	18	20	-2	25
18	Birmingham City	23	5	8	10	17	29	-12	23
19	Nottingham Forest	23	5	7	11	16	26	-10	22
20	Queens Park Rangers	22	4	9	9	20	30	-10	21
21	Sheffield Wednesday *	23	6	7	10	15	23	-8	19
22	Derby County	22	4	7	11	14	24	-10	19
23	Rotherham United	20	4	4	12	19	29	-10	16
24	Wycombe Wanderers	23	3	6	14	16	35	-19	15



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The 'homemade waste pipe goal'. Waste pipes, push-fit knuckle bends and some barrier fencing. It doesn't seem like much, but sometimes it's all you need to transform your garden into a proper footy pitch.





NATHAN JONES

JAMES SHEA	01
MARTIN CRANIE	02
DAN POTTS	03
RYAN TUNNICLIFFE	04
SONNY BRADLEY	05
MATTY PEARSON	06
HARRY CORNICK	07
LUKE BERRY	08
DANNY HYLTON	09
ELLIOT LEE	10
SIMON SLUGA	12
GEORGE MONCUR	14
GLEN REA	16
PELLEY-RUDDOCK MPANZU	17
JORDAN CLARK	18
JAMES COLLINS	19
PETER KIOSO	20
HARRY ISTD	21
KIERNAN DEWSBURY-HALL	22
BRENDAN GALLOWAY	23
KAZENGA LUALUA	25
JAMES BREE	26
SAM NOMBE	27
JOE MORRELL	28
DION PEREIRA	30
AVAN JONES	32
SAM BECKWITH	33
JAKE PECK	34
COREY PANTER	35
GABRIEL OSHO	38

MARK WARBURTON

02	TODD KANE
03	LEE WALLACE
04	ROB DICKIE
06	YOANN BARBET
07	MACAULEY BONNE
08	LUKE AMOS
09	LYNDON DYKES
10	ILIAS CHAIR
11	BRIGHT OSAYI-SAMUEL
12	DOMINIC BALL
13	SENY DIENG
19	GEORGE THOMAS
20	GEOFF CAMERON
21	CHRIS WILLOCK
22	TOM CARROLL
23	CONOR MASTERSON
24	OSMAN KAKAY
25	NIKO HAMALAINEN
26	FAYSAL BETTACHE
29	CHARLIE KELMAN
30	CHARLIE OWENS
32	LIAM KELLY
37	ALBERT ADOMAH
45	CHARLIE AUSTIN

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE - ANDY WOOLMER | ASSISTANT REFEREE 1 - STEVEN MEREDITH
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2 - ADAM CRYSELL | FOURTH OFFICIAL - DARREN DRYSDALE